

REMARKS

Claims 2 and 6-8 are pending. An Amendment/Submittal was filed on August 18, 2004 together with a Request for Continued Examination. After entry of the amendment and remarks submitted in those papers, the Examiner is requested to consider the following remarks prior to issuance of the next Office Action.

Amended claim 2 relates to a multi-functional telephone apparatus that includes three kinds of tables: a system data table; a function-classified system data table; and a hardware-classified system data table, the characteristics of each of these system tables being set forth in claim 2, as amended in the Amendment filed August 18, 2004.

In the claimed apparatus, system data is classified into a plurality of groups based upon function to make up the function-classified system data table. The system data is also classified into a plurality of groups based on hardware, to make up the hardware-classified system data table. By virtue of the above configuration, the system data is classified into different groups based upon two different viewpoints.

Based upon the specified table structure, any of the system data can be set by any one of the three kinds of tables for the multi-functional telephone apparatus. The claimed structure offers significant advantages and significantly improves the ease of operation and manipulation of the telephone apparatus as compared to the prior art. In particular, as a result of the recited structure, system data setting can be realized efficiently whether the setting is new, or is a setting relating to the addition of hardware or functions.

As was discussed in the Amendment/Submission filed August 18, 2004, Applicant has found no teaching or suggestion of the above-mentioned features or advantages in Anderson et al. For at least this reason, and the reasons presented previously, claims 2 and 6-8 are believed patentable over the cited art.

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In view of the above, each of the claims in this application is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw the outstanding rejection of the claims and to pass this application to issue.

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